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Dear Sir:

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents by date stamping and returning the enclosed post card.

We look forward to receiving notice of the status of this application as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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